

The Whole Truth

"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth, Mal. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

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INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONGRESS GOES TO LARGEST CITY IN U. S. A. — JULY 4th — 10th

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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION GOES TO BLACK ACADEMIC MECCA JULY 10th — 16th

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM HEADQUARTERS

The Office of the National Director of Public Relations for the Church of God in Christ is requesting that you start early in making arrangements and reservations for the forthcoming 65th Annual Holy Convocation. It was reported that better than twenty thousand saints and delegates attended the Convocation last year. It is expected that this number will be exceeded during this 1972 session.

You may start by making your reservations and inquiries to the PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT Elder W. L. Porter, Director P.O. Box 26336, Lee Station Memphis, Tennessee 38126

START TODAY — AVOID DELAY

THE CANDIDATES

Pursuant to the promise of the Whole Truth in the May Issue to publish the names of those persons nominated by the Nominating Committee at the Spring Session of the General Assembly of the Church, herein are the names offered by said committee:

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All other qualified aspirants for the office of General Board Member may apply for a petition by writing to the office of the General Secretary in Memphis and must then obtain the signatures of one-hundred (100) pastors and forward the same to the Chairman of the Elections Committee, Elder Ronald L. Morris 177 Alexander Avenue Bronx, New York 10454 (not later than August 1, 1972).

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE

The First Jurisdiction of Tennessee, for the Church of God in Christ has just closed one of the greatest Spring or Workers Conference in the History of the jurisdiction. The Conference was held at the Pentecostal Temple Church, where presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson is pastor and presiding Bishop for the jurisdiction. Bishop Patterson presided with excellence and the spirit of the Lord was present throughout the entire conference.

A great and grand musical was held on Monday, May the 8th with Madam Mattie Wigley,

presiding. Tuesday afternoon was the official opening of the meeting and the Tennessee Conference as blessed to have the General Secretary of the church, Bishop D.A. Burton to bring the message at the evening session, entitled: "Lots Delima".

The meeting proceeded and Women's Day was great with our newly appointed jurisdictional supervisor, Mother Annie B. Patton presiding.

Special attention is given to the excellent manner in which Elder Roy L. H. Winbush, president of the Publishing board conducted the workshop study sessions.

Bishop E. W. Rodgers, First administrative assistant of the Jurisdiction assisted the Bishop in presiding the meeting with excellence and grand dignity. Bishop Rodgers is also the pastor of the Lambert Church in Memphis and has been so for better than thirty years.

Superintendent Samuel Lowe, Second administrative assistant of the jurisdiction was also instrumental in making the conference a success. Superintendent Lowe was the principle speaker on Wednesday night and the message was challenging to every pastor and worker, present.

The Highlight was Friday night known as official night (It should be noted that Tennessee implemented the new General Assembly Law, regarding closing state meetings and - or National Meetings on saturday) Bishop



BISHOP C. W. WILLIAMS
International Superintendent

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION GOES SOUTH

Atlanta, Georgia has been described as the Black Mecca for Academics. The city is a growing one and it is known for its educational centers. Atlanta has produced such men as Martin Luther King Jr., Julian Bond and many others. Atlanta houses some of the world's greatest black colleges and seminaries namely, Morehouse, Phillips, Charles Harrison Mason Theological Seminary, and others.

Thus it is in this same spirit of academic awareness that the Educational Convention of the Church of God in Christ chose Atlanta as the site for the 29th International Sunday School Convention under the very dynamic leadership of Bishop C. W. Williams, International Superintendent. The Convention is to convene on July 10 and conclude on the 16th.

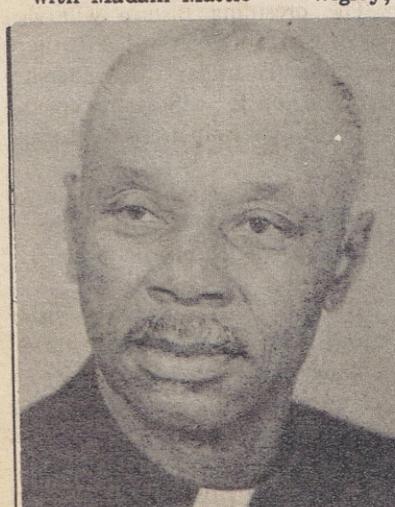
The 1972 Theme of the Convention is:

"GIVE DILIGENCE TO PRESENT THYSELF APPROVED"

During the convention, this theme will be fully explored by such capable and inspiring speakers as, Elder Charles Blake, Chairman, Board of Directors, C. H. Mason Theological Seminary; Madam Elsie Mason, Editor of the Whole Truth Paper; Bishop Louis Henry Ford, Prelate of Illinois and General Board Member; Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson, and President of the International Sunday School Department, Bishop C. W. Williams.

The convention headquarters will be the Sheraton Biltmore on West Peach Tree Street. All sessions will be held at the hotel, including the Pre-Musical on Monday night, July 10.

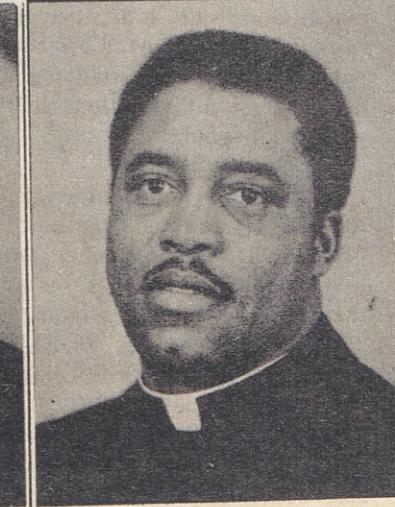
Bishop J. D. Husband will host this Twenty-ninth session with the President of the National Publishing Board of our Church, Dr. Roy L. Winbush serving as National Chairman.



BISHOP E. W. RODGERS



BISHOP J. O. PATTERSON



SUPT. SAMUEL LOWE

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COOK-TERRY NUPITALS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

A refiner was cooking a yellow liquid substance in a large pot with several flames directed and concentrated at that pot. He sat dipping the liquid substance out, and depositing the same in a waste can. I inquired of him, "what is that hot stuff in the pot?" The refiners' reply was, "GOLD."

Inquisitively, I asked, "if it's gold, why throw it away?" Looking up from his table, the little man began to explain; "Reverend, I'm not really throwing gold away. I have placed in this pot, potentially pure gold. But before I can use it, I must get the alloys and impurities out, and as long as I keep the flame to it, all of the trash and mess will come to the top. When it does, I'll scrape it off and continue to purify it. All I want out of this pot is PURE GOLD."

Having listened to his explanation, I said to the man, but at the rate you're going, there will be nothing left to work with." He quickly measured off a fraction of an inch with his thumb and forefinger and said without a polojetics or compromise "Reverend, If I don't get but that much, I'm going to get PURE GOLD."

I had one final question, "Sir, tell me one thing...How will you know when the gold is purified?" With a smile he replied, "When I can look into the pot and see my image, I'll cut the fire off, for I will then have pure gold."

Does not God make each Christian in this same manner? He allows the fiery trials of life to try us and cook us but at the same time, the trial of our faith is working patience. The fire brings the impurities and all of those alloys and mixtures that repell God, out and when it does, He scrapes them off and purifies us. And be assured, if He does not get but a fraction, He'll yet get pure gold.

Having had that encounter with the refiner, I asked the Lord, "How will we know when we have been purified?" It seems that the answer came rolling back, "WHEN THE WORLD CAN LOOK AT YOU AND SEE MY IMAGE." Job 23:10, "For He knoweth the way that I take, and when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as (pure) gold."

J.D.E.

"CHUCKLE" COLUMN**HOW CHILDREN THINK ABOUT GOD**

Doubtless, there are many of you who have had very funny experiences with little children in Sunday School Class. Especially when they first start learning about religion and God. A collection of these experiences have been submitted by teachers, parents and the clergy and we'd like to share them with you from time to time.



CLEVELAND, OHIO

E.S.A. HONORS

Church of God in Christ Deacon

The Boy Scouts of America in the Ohio Region honored Deacon Ambers Sessions with the coveted Silver Beaver Award. Deacon Sessions was one of fifteen to receive this award and citation for outstanding and exceptional character in scouting. The award was presented in a very colorful ceremony held by the Greater Cleveland Council of the BSA at the lovely Sheraton Cleveland Hotel by the Honorable Perry B. Jackson, Circuit Judge, at a dinner organized by the Council.

Deacon Sessions is a faithful and godly member of the Mother church of Ohio, namely William Temple in Cleveland, pastored by the Elder Warren Miller. He serves as Secretary for the Board of Deacons of that church and has served his community in such a way that men have been able to see his light shining, and have glorified the Father which is in Heaven.

A TESTIMONY

From Sis. Viola Dickens

On Friday, April 14, 1972, swallowed a fish bone. I tried to stuff down large hunks of bread, ate mustard, drank vinegar and Buttermilk. I tried just about everything that anyone suggested, trying to move the fish bone. Everytime I would try to swallow, the fish bone would get in the lower part of my throat and choke me.

I stop trying, and began praying to God for my help. On the 3rd Sunday morning April 16, when our Bishop J. O. Patterson came on the air, I was near my radio. He began praying, and when he said, "Woman the Lord Help you", that moment my throat just opened up. I put my hand on my throat and began saying "Thank you Jesus." Seemed like I could feel the fish bone breaking up into several pieces then I could clear up my throat. I spit out three mouthfuls of phlegm then I swallowed and felt no sign of the bone anymore.

I know God is able to do anything but, fail. I am a member of the Lane Avenue Church of God in Christ.

Elder A. B. McEwen, Pastor
Sis. D. Howell, reporter
Memphis, Tenn.

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The presiding Bishop will visit the convocation of Northern California under the leadership of Bishop B. R. Stewart on June 12 in San Francisco, California.

He will then visit Central California with Bishop Wilson in Fresno, California on June 13.

Sister churches and sister jurisdictions may be interested in having this information from time to time. For further information regarding the times on these dates you should contact the Host Bishops named above.



BISHOP O. M. KELLY

THE YOUTH CONGRESS
HONORS BISHOP KELLY

The International Youth Congress of our Church which convenes in a few weeks in New York City, (see cover story) has announced that they will dedicate Friday, July 7, 1972 as BISHOP O.M. KELLY DAY. Bishop Kelly is the prelate of Eastern New York of the Church of God in Christ and is also a member of the General Board. He pastors the very lovely headquarters church of the New York Jurisdiction in Harlem and has served the Church for better than a quarter of a century.

A banquet is planned in honor of him in the very spacious Grand Ballroom of the New York Hilton Hotel. The bishop and his very lovely bride will receive several dignitaries of the Church at the head-table on that occasion. Bishop William James of Toledo, Ohio, First Vice President of the Youth Congress will be assisting Dr. Owens in the planning of this affair.

Bishop Kelly has the distinction of being the first black religious leader in New York City to build a church edifice from the ground. It is at the present site of Kelly Temple where the bishop made history for black America and the Church of God in Christ.

A VIRTUOUS WOMAN

Greetings from the saints in Louisiana, Mo. to all the saints of God everywhere.

We are thanking God for his saving and keeping power. Truly it is sweet to be saved in these evil and confused days. I think of Proverbs 31: 10-26, "Who can find a Virtuous Woman?"

Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar. She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.

She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of the snow for her household; for all her household are clothed with scarlet. She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.

Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land. She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth unto the merchant. Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

Now Mother Lucinda Bostick, whom the Lord called to rest a few years back truly was a Virtuous woman. I can't find words to fully describe Mother Bostick, but her Holy devotion to the work and God's people left foot-prints in my memory, and as time passes, I miss her more and more.

Sometime we don't value what we have, while we have it. Paul said, "We have many instructors but, a few fathers, many to teach you but a few that really love the little one or the low one alike." She was concerned about her people far and near, like the description in Proverbs 31: 10-26.

I know that we have many such mothers in Zion that others can say, the same thing about them. God bless them.

Elder J. W. Ware, pastor
Sis. J. Dameron, reporter

NEW JERUSALEM
Church of God In Christ
BISHOP W. A. PATTERSON
Pastor

"A TIME FOR REVIVAL

"Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee? Shew us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation." Psalms 85: 6-7.

Beloved sisters and brethren of the Most High God, in love and peace do we come again to you in script to share our joy with you.

Here, at the New Jerusalem Church of God in Christ, 7361 Linwood Ave., Detroit, Mich., under the blessed leadership of our Pastor, Bishop W. A. Patterson, we entered the new year having just closed a revival conducted by Eld. W. A. Patterson, Jr., and not many days hence, State Mother Mary L. Belvin (who is also a member and faithful worker at her home church) conducted a spirit-filled revival, assisted by Missionary Hicks of West End Church of God in Christ. Souls were blessed through the rich outpouring of the spirit of God.

Again we are in the midst of a revival, conducted by our Pastor: he, being led of the Lord to take us into a week of revival, fasting and praying. He is stressing concern for the youth, revival of the saints, more brotherly love, more joy, the renewing and refreshing of the

spirit, peace and unity, that the people of God be with one accord through the anointing and leading of the Lord.

On Wednesday night, following prayer and altar service, Bishop took much time, speaking in a "fireside manner" to those young persons who had come for prayer regarding what they desired from the Lord. His rich words of wisdom were such that would benefit not only the young, but any and all seekers. His words regarding youth working in the church pointed out the need that each understand that holding an office, singing in the choir, or being active in the church will not in itself bring salvation, for all must repent of their sins and seek the Lord for salvation if they are to become saints of God. In reference to working in the church he used the scripture Psalms 87: 5-7; in reference to being saved: Romans 10: 6-10. With much deliberation he explained "believing" to the seekers and confirmed his words with St. John 9: 26-38. He talked of the need to pray and referred to how the early church prayed, "lifting their voices to God with one accord:" Acts 23: 31.

On Friday night (the close of the revival) the Pastor chose the subject, "The Holy Ghost" - and "what Jesus said we had to do to receive it:"

FIRST: "ASK" - St. Luke 11: 9-13:

"....ASK, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he give a fish? or if he ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? IF YE THEN, BEING EVIL, KNOW HOW TO GIVE GOOD GIFTS UNTO YOUR CHILDREN: HOW MUCH MORE SHALL YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER GIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THEM THAT ASK HIM? (before you ask, you must know that He is your Father).

SECOND: "BELIEVE" - St. John 7: 37-39:

"....Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst let him come unto me, and drink. HE THAT BELIEVETH ON ME, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that BELIEVE ON HIM SHOULD RECEIVE....)"

THIRD: "TARRY" - St. Luke 24: 29

"But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. AND HE WENT IN TO TARRY WITH THEM." (don't look for the Holy Ghost until you are blessed and have joy. You should have "great joy" because God has already blessed you).

FOURTH: "RECEIVE" - Acts 2: 1-4:

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, THEY WERE

ALL WITH ONE ACCORD in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, AND IT FILLED ALL THE HOUSE where they were sitting. AND THERE APPEARED UNTO THEM CLOVEN TONGUES LIKE AS OF FIRE, and it sat upon each of them.

AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST, AND BEGAN TO SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES, AS THE SPIRIT GAVE THEM UTTERANCE."

Acts 2:39, "FOR THE PROMISE IS UNTO YOU, AND TO YOUR CHILDREN, AND TO ALL THAT ARE AFAR OFF, EVEN AS MANY AS THE LORD OUR GOD SHALL CALL."

We have chose to share this scriptures with you that you may be blessed as we, through the divine teaching of our Pastor. The revival closed, but the presence of the Lord has remained greatly in our midst, for which we give God the praise, and we thank Him for the souls that were blessed and are yet being blessed and added to the church.

Saints, it is indeed a wicked and evil day in which we live. We are seeing things occur within the church and outside the church that none have witnessed before; things which should not be. If we, who call ourselves christians, do not stand boldly for Christ, walking daily in complete submission to the will of God; letting sinners know that we serve a soon-coming Saviour and that every man, woman and child must stand before the judgment seat of Christ: them, we fall short of the great responsibility we hold as disciples for our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ. Each moment of our lives we must be careful that we hinder not another, for we truly must be as the scriptures have said:

"Ye are salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS, AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN." St. Matt. 5: 13-16.

Again, my brothers and sisters in Christ, I beseech you that we be not so caught up in the cares of the day or in the pomp and pageantry of form and fashion that we neglect so great salvation. We must each be our own way-maker to Christ; sure that we are right in the sight of God and then get busy winning souls for Christ; letting men and women know that Christ is the only Hope. We must seek peace and understanding with one another, remembering always that we are nothing, remaining humble as dear children, showing brotherly love and a tender, compassionate spirit. We

must be more patient, more long-suffering and remember to encourage one another in a Godly way. Let us not grow negligent in giving ourselves continually in prayer and fasting - crying to God each day, "Save us, O Lord." Remember this passage of scripture:

"For by grace are ye saved through faith: and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Eph. 2: 8-10.

Pray for us, dear saints of God, for it is the sincere desire of our hearts that we be found worthy to spend eternity with Him that said, "I am the way the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Yours in Christ,

Gale Patricia Gardner
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Bishop W. A. Patterson, Pastor

VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA

Lighthouse Church of God in Christ

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." Matt. 5:16.

Greetings to the saints of God everywhere. We the members of Lighthouse Church endeavor to be a beacon of light that will lead lost souls to Christ.

Under the direction of our pastor, Elder W. Howard, we held our church opening, beginning April 6th through April 9th. The Lord blessed us with a number of guest ministers, pastors, and their congregations on each night. There was an outpour of the Spirit during our services and souls were blessed of the Lord.

God, through His Son, Jesus, is yet drawing men unto Himself. We have young men who are saved, and seeking the Holy Ghost. Recently in our Sunday morning service, a young man touched by the Spirit of God, acknowledged Jesus as his Savior, and expressed his desire to become a member of our church and seek for the Baptism.

Through our mission program, the Lord has blessed us to render various services to the needy. In addition, we provide free bread after each service to those who desire it.

We are praying that God will grant us favor with the people; and through the moving of His spirit, sinners will repent, and backsliders will return to the fold. We solicit the prayers of the faithful everywhere.

Our present place of worship is at 1931 Solano Ave., Vallejo, California.

Elder W. Howard, Pastor
Sister Jessie Hardaway, Reporter

**29th SESSION INT'L
SUNDAY SCHOOL CONV.
CONVENES JULY 10-16, 1972
ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

Church of God in Christ announces its 29th session International Sunday School Convention.

THEME: GIVE DILIGENCE TO PRESENT THYSELF APPROVED, II Timothy 2: 15

Accommodations and Delegate provisions:

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CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS:

The convention Musical will be held Monday night, July 10, 8 P.M. at the Sheraton Biltmore Hotel West Peach Tree Street. A 1,000 Voice choir will be featured with Mrs. Mary Chestnut, and Mrs. Alberta Jones as Ministers of Music, Miss Clarice Williams, organist. Each evening music will be rendered by outstanding choirs.

ISSC Laboratory will offer 33 class sessions on Skillful Teaching methods, a special Training Course for Teachers and Supts. Organizational Principles, New Teaching Techniques, and a special Soul Winning Course through the Sunday School.

FIRST VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MANUEL

ISSC offers its First VBS Manuel to the 29th Convention, please come prepared to take back to your Jurisdiction some publications to help promote Vacation Bible School in your churches.

CONVENTION DAILY PROGRAM

Be refreshed and blessed in the early morning daily prayer and consecration services at 8 a.m. conducted by Elder E. C. Taylor, convention Patrol Chairman, Convention Teachers and Laboratory School A. Training for Teachers-Christian Education Directors Youth Leaders-Program Directors Supts., Librarians, etc. Come! prepared to attend this session, that you might learn more about what you already know, its good to improve your Christian Education that you might benefit others.

AFTERNOON

Seminars on Sunday School work tested methods will be offered for all Sunday School personnel to take back to your local church. Discussion for every interested group.

EVENING

Many have been and will be



ELDER R. L. H. WINBUSH
National President



MRS. ADA PATRICK
Field Representative

healed, encouraged, hearts lifted and souls saved during the Evangelistic Hour 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. Evangelist W.B. Laird in charge.

EVENING SERVICES

These moments of spiritual inspiration will be led by prominent Sunday School leaders and choirs. Messages by some of the most outstanding leaders of this great church, in the persons of Elder Charles Blake, Chairman of Board of Trustees, Charles Harrison Mason Theological Seminary and Editor, of Y.P.W.W. Literature. Bishop Lewis Henry Ford, Bishop J. D. Husband.

Included among the convention speakers will be Mrs. Elsie W. Mason, Wife of (the late) Bishop C.H. Mason, Founder of the Church of God in Christ, also she is the Editor of the Whole Truth Paper.

CONVENTIONERS: We are truly blessed to have such a woman with us. One who holds and lifts up the blood stained banner through her life of holiness, Grace and work. Certainly we are enjoying the column in the WHOLE TRUTH PAPER, (FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK). We are looking forward to hearing this woman of God speak to our hearts.

REV. 1 verse 29. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the churches.

A blessing, privilege and honor! The International Sunday School will be favored again this year by the presence of our Presiding Bishop J. O. Patterson, who is without a doubt God's anointed one. Everytime he speaks through the Holy Ghost, we are encouraged to HOLD ON! PRESS ON! and to live the more of the Life of Christ that the Lord requires of us. We strive more so to be the one in that number when the saints go marching in! Bless the Lord! Bless His Holy Name! The message that he feeds to us is a preparation dinner, it prepares God's people for a prepared place (Heaven). If we eat it. The Lord has given us a wonderful leader full of humility, HEAR YE HIM! SATURDAY NIGHT INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Sunday School is Moving On! By grace and through faith, and the Good works of many.

It is progressive because of the blessings of God upon the fruitful laborers, Convention Chairman Elder Roy Winbush, Executive Co-ordinator, Rev. Dr. Charles E. Smith Jr. Mrs. Frances Sipes Curtis Chrm. of Sunday School Curriculum, Mrs. Myrtle E. Vann, Dean of Laboratory School and the entire Sunday School family working together in harmony to make this a bigger and better convention for you!

THE INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION has much to offer you both in wisdom and spiritual uplift! In desiring a closer walk with the Lord we can attend the Re-dedication services. All the essentials for this Christian Journey, and more is offered.

Take time to enjoy and refresh yourself in sightseeing and recreation. Some of the special features are the Annual Jennie B. Jones Tea, Sponsored by the Laboratory School and is one of the financial supporters of the ISSC. (THE HOSTESS TWELVE) will greet you there!

We have not forgotten full time programs for children and adults.

Alert anxious ushers and nurses will be on their posts at all times to help serve you and see to your comfort. They are to be commended, because theirs is a duty of duties.

The one time of year that we come together and dine at the Banquets in honor of our National Sunday School President Bishop C. W. Williams brings hours of pleasure and joy!

BACK HOME HOUR 11: P.M. to 1: P.M. Mrs. Alberta Jones and Miss Clarice Williams (National) in charge. Featuring Christian Youth from all over our church.

STATE FIELD REPRESENTATIVES from everywhere we know you are looking forward hearing the meek, yet firm and good instruction coming from our National Field Rep. Mrs. Ada Patrick. Supts. Wives, lovely things are planned for you by the Chrm. of Supts. Wives, and Wife of our President Mrs. Annie L. Williams. Come Everyone! join in as she leads us in our Sunday School Theme Song (NEVER SAY FAIL!).

THE VOICE OF THE

PRESIDENT!
Revelations Chapter 1 verse 10

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, Conventioners come in the Spirit on the Lord's day. Hear the Dad of the Sunday School our International President of the Sunday School Convention!

One we know is a Holy Man of God full of patience, meekness, yet with God given authority, full of Godly instruction, wisdom and cares for his Sunday School family the Children, Young Adults and those of a Golden Age from everywhere. Our International President of the Sunday School Convention, will speak on the Theme, "Give Diligence To Present Thyself Approved" II Timothy 2: 15.

IN MEMORIUM

This column is dedicated to the soldiers who have fallen in battle, fighting in the service of our King.



THOMAS BUSH

Superintendent, Born September 19, 1912, Went to sleep January 23, 1972. Pastored Wayside Church in California.



MOTHER WILLIE SMITH
Went to sleep May, 1971
President of Ushers at Darwil Church in Memphis.

Servants of God well done; The battle's fought and the victory won.

The Conference began on Monday night, April 24 with Grand Pre-Musical Extravaganza in special honor of the Bishop's wife Mother Mary Wells. Choir and groups from around the jurisdiction gathered at the Chapel and the glory of the Lord filled the House. The formal opening was on Tuesday at 12:00 Noon with the Bishop leading the saints in prayer. The Daily Institute was conducted by Dr. J. Delano Ellis, Jr. of Memphis, Tennessee entitled "Interpreting Christian Holiness."

The Conference proceeded daily and on Friday, Mother Estelle McEwen, Supervisor of Women presided over one of the greatest Women's Day in the History of the jurisdiction. The guest Speaker for that night was the General Secretary of the Church of God in Christ, Bishop D. Burton.

The Highlight of the conference was on Sunday, April 30, when Bishop Wyoming Wells, General Board Member and President of the Conference spoke to the saints from the Subject Building Yourself Up, In Your Most Holy Faith. The conference was challenged return to real pentecost and the Bible standard of Holiness without which, no man shall see the Lord.



WHEATLEY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST MARCH 1972 TEXAS INSTITUTE OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION, Elder A. J. Hines, Chairman — Elder J. Neaul Haynes, Sec.

FIRST TIME

The First Annual session of the Texas Institute of Ministerial Education was held at the Wheatley Church of God in Christ, 3118 Metropolitan, Dallas, Texas on March 14-16, 1972. Elder A. J. Hines of Houston, Texas served as this years Institute Chairman. Elder J. Neaul Haynes was Institute Secretary, and Dr. David R. Houston was Director of Education.

The purpose of this Institute is to improve the quality of ministerial service and leadership performance for Ministers, Pastors, District Superintendents, District Missionaries, etc. in the Church of God in Christ.

The study areas for this first setting were Civic Responsibility, Black Awareness, Ministerial Education, Pastoral Psychology, Evangelism and Church Polity. Some of the instructors were: Elder A. J. Hines, Elder J. Neaul Haynes, Elder C. J. Jones, Elder Nathaniel Henderson, Elder R. L. Ashbury, Elder Alvin Nelson, Elder Frank Smith, Elder T. L. Young and Dr. David R. Houston.

The Institute was attended by Bishop J. O. Patterson who spoke on Wednesday evening. Bishop W. E. Woodard, Bishop C. H. Nelson, Assistant Bishop N. Godfrey, and was hosted by Bishop F. L. Haynes. It is our hope that this Institute will become a Bi-Annual affair instead of Annual.

MACON, GEORGIA

The State Workers Meeting of the Southern Georgia Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ convened at Macon, Ga. March 20-26, at the Ash Street Church of God in Christ. Bishop C. J. Hicks, Presiding Bishop of this jurisdiction, was host pastor.

The theme for the meeting was, "Gather my saints together unto me, those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice," (Psalms 50:5). This theme was carried out during the entire meeting, because the saints gathered in great numbers each night.

A State wide musical program was presented Monday night, with emphasis being placed on "state wide". Our own choirs from different parts of this jurisdiction, appeared on program and was able to make this an unusually good program.

Texas Institute of Ministerial Education,

It was arranged by Sister Ruth King and Missionary Agnes Brown.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights the district superintendent and their districts were in charge of the devotional services. An altar call was made each night, and the altar was filled with souls, crying out to be blessed.

Friday was Women's Day, the day that we honored Mother Artie B. McBride, State Supervisor of the Women's Department. Devotional services began at 10:00 A. M., and was conducted by Missionary Mattie Bovin and Missionary Irene Ketterer. At 12:00 o'clock, Missionary Julia Cawthon was presented to conduct the discussion. The theme for the discussion was; "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ". The scripture used were: Romans 8:35-39, Acts 20:22-24, Col. 1:21-23. There were so many beautiful points brought out in the discussion.

Mother McBride was presented about 2:00 o'clock. She began singing this song, "No More I". Mother pleaded with us to let nothing separate us, from the Love of Christ. She said that satan could separate us, only if we let him. She admonished us to be grounded and rooted in the word of God, and to love our enemies. She concluded her saying by warning us to be watchful unto prayer.

On Friday night Mother McBride brought a beautiful message. This was one of the sweetest sessions for the women that I have ever witnessed. Mother was made happy both spiritually and financially.

Saturday night, Elder F. L. Spates, President of the Y. P. W. W. of Southern Ga., Jurisdiction was in charge of the service. The young ministers were able to exercise their gifts.

Sunday was the climax of the meeting, and the day we showed our appreciation for our State Bishop. The attendance was so great this day until there was no standing room for some. Elder C. Demps, President of the Sunday School Department of the Southern Ga., Jurisdiction was in charge of the Sunday School. After Sunday School, we immediately went into our devotional and worship service. Bishop Hicks was presented at 2:00 o'clock. He prayed a fervent prayer for everyone. After the prayer he testified of God's goodness. He began the

annual message in Rev. 1:1-3 verses. "This", Bishop Hicks said, "is the introductory". As he moved into the 4th-8th verses, he stated that this is a message from John. He emphasized that, this is the same John that had leaned on Jesus' breast. This message was directed to the State Workers. Bishop Hicks warned the leaders to be willing to suffer "for the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ." Bishop Hicks concluded his message in the 2nd chapter of Rev., and used the church at Ephesus to compare the church of today. He said, that the church had left it's first love and need to repent. As he stressed repentance, he began to sing "Amazing Grace". The spirit of "Old time revival" was present, as we sang this old familiar hymn. There was a pause and the saints began to praise God. The spirit of the Lord came in and the saints went forth in a dance.

We are praising the Lord for Bishop Hicks and his lovely wife, who worked so hard to make things pleasant for everyone. We are thankful for our State Mother, Mother McBride, who is going on in the strength of the Lord. Finally, we appreciate all of our "State Workers", who helped to make this a great meeting.

EL DORADO, ARKANSAS

Holy Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Peace be with you. "I was glad when they said unto me. Let us go into the house of the Lord."

We just came out of the greatest meetings that was ever held at church, it was our Pre-Youth Congress of District No. 2. President L. C. Cook, also Host pastor. The Lord truly blessed in that meeting. People came from far and near to the pre-congress. The sick was healed, some saved and everyone was blessed.

The meeting began Monday and continued thru Sunday night. President Cook brought the official message Sunday evening. And our guest speaker for Sunday night was, Elder Harriet Brown from Camden, Arkansas. We were blessed to have with us, Mother Kinney from Little Rock, Arkansas she truly gave us the word of God. The Lord is yet doing great things for his people.

On the fifth Sunday the guest speaker was, Elder Sanders from Melvin, Arkansas. He is truly a great preacher.

The Lord is yet blessing our church, and we are truly blessed to have a pastor, who carries on 2:00 o'clock prayer everyday. You're welcome to visit us here at 167 ByPass, El Dorado, Arkansas anytime.

Remember Saints of God everywhere, "To always pray and never faint, prayer changes things."

Elder L. C. Cook, Pastor
Sister Joyce Hall, Reporter

"THANKS"

Counselor Maudell Oliver, (Volunteer Mission Worker) is recuperating from a serious operation. She and her family are thanking the many saints, friends and well wishers for every expression of love shown.

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

To the saints everywhere, from the saints in the 2nd Jurisdiction of Tennessee, Christian greetings to all.

We have just closed out 18th Annual Worker's Meeting of the 2nd Jurisdiction, which convened at Greater Grace Memorial, Church of God in Christ; 3536 Skyline Dr.

We also had a Midnight Revival, and the Lord was in our midst, and his glory filled the Church. The midnight revival was conducted by one of the greatest Evangelist of the Church of God in Christ, Elder S. E. Mitchell of Dallas, Texas. He preached under of anointing of the Holy Ghost. Each night the spirit was mighty in our midst. Souls were blessed and many were saved.

Truly this was a great meeting, on Friday our State Supervisor, Mother Fannie Page, brought the message during this great Women's Day. "Let's go to the Upper Room, Acts 1:1-13. Then on Sunday our State Bishop Audley King, preached from Acts 14:21-22;

We are doing a great work in the 2nd Jurisdiction We thank God for our Pastor of the Rock Temple Church of God in Christ, 814 Maria St. He is also our State Executive Secretary of the 2nd Jurisdiction. Elder W. L. Porter presented to him, The Dr. of Divinity Degree, from Maranatha Bible Seminary. Elder W. L. Porter, the International Executive Director of Public Relation Department of the Church of God in Christ, was appointed the Second Administrative Assistant to the State Presiding Bishop, Audley King.

Bishop Audley King, appointed Elder O. T. Fondren a member of the State Executive Board. Host Superintendent Lorenzo Smith, Host Pastor, Elder Harold Bell, State Presiding Bishop Audley King. State Supervisor, Mother Fannie Page.

Ada Gregory, Reporter

MRS. RICHARDSON'S BOOK PRINTED

A book of religious poems entitled "A Knock on Your Door" has just been published and is available. The poems were written and copyrighted by Annie Bell Richardson of Homerville, Ga. The Clinch County News has been publishing some of her poems in the Newspaper. There are 28 pages of poems in the book in addition to related background information.

The book was published by the Southern Georgian Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ, headquarter Macon, Ga., Mother Artie B. McBride is state supervisor of the women's

department, and Bishop C. J. Hicks is presiding bishop.

In a foreword by W. R. Register, co-editor of a poetry magazine at Valdosta State, he concluded his description of the book by saying, "I am happy to recommend this volume to anyone who wishes to read a record of a strong, vital faith-a faith in life, in friends and family, in God".

A short biographical sketch, with photo, states in part that Mrs. Richardson was born in 1928 in Montgomery, Ala. Her father was an AME minister, and died when she was three. She is the daughter of Pauline M. Johnson, who worked as a practical nurse and assumed the responsibility of father and mother. Mrs. Richardson attended Homerville schools and graduated from the Tampa, Fla., Middleton High School. She married James E. Richardson and they have ten children, six girls and four boys. She says that "love and devotion to my family inspired me to write several poems about them(and) I began writing poetry to express my love to my family, my friends, and God."

This book is dedicated to her family, to Prayer Garden Church of God, to Brown's Chapel AME, and to all Homerville and County people.

"The Whole truth is pleased to bring you portions and excerpts from time to time." See Chapter one in next Issue."

"I DREAMED A DREAM"

I dreamed that my daughter and I was stranded in a wilderness, and no one would come to our rescue, but Bishop Mason. He came in a car, he had to leave it a long distant from where we were and walk the rest of the way. He looked so beautiful and young and he was so dressed up. He was dressed in a beautiful suit and new shoes. It had rained and the ground was a little muddy. I looked down at his new shoes and not a piece of mud was clinging to his shoes.

He was walking in front of us leading the way out of the wilderness. I didn't take my eyes off him but, before we got to his car I woke up.

It was revealed to me that so many preachers that use to be in the Church of God in Christ has gone their own way and want to gather a crowd to follow them to enlarge their bank accounts, but for me to stay with the Church of God in Christ for it was, founded by Bishop C. H. Mason, no matter how they split up, it is for me to stay in the Church of God in Christ.

Read: 27th Chapter of Acts. How Paul was on the ship that broke up in pieces. But Paul said, to the Centurion and to the soldiers, except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved. And so it came to pass that they escaped all safe to land.

I know Bishop Mason was a man of God, "Thank You Jesus."

Sis. Ollie M. Smith
St. Paul Church of God in Christ
Chicago, Illinois

MARION, INDIANA

Nearly twenty (20) months ago, there was a civil riot in the small town of Marion. There was much loss of property, lives and health. In the midst of that loss, there was the New Bethany Church of God in Christ, pastored by the Elder Milton L. Hall which suffered total loss at the hands of arsonists.

Recently, the Lord blessed this small congregation to regain a foot-hold in Marion and now they are working and re-building the house of the Lord. Even though the church felt, very keenly, the knife of the adversary, it is as though the sunlight has broken through for this group of saints. How applicable is that passage which declares, "weeping may endure but for a night, but joy, cometh in the morning." The congregation is grateful for the leadership, they have found in Elder Hall and his very lovely wife, Missionary Ruth Hall.

In the midst of all of the troubles that New Bethany has had, God gave them to hold fast to the promises of God as recorded in Job 41: 22. "In His neck remaineth strength, and sorrow is turned into joy before Him." You may send any donations and pledges to this mission by writing:

New Bethany Church of God in Christ, Post Office Box 793, Marion, Indiana 46952

Pauline Parcher, Reporter

SOUTHERN GEORGIA

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from hence forth: yea saith the spirit, that thy may rest from their labor AND THEIR WORKS DO FOLLOW THEM. Rev. 14:13. Pray for us.

Sister Amanda Johnson, Chairman of Women's Department

Elder S. M. Weaver, Administrative Assistant

Annie B. Richardson, Reporter



ELDER & MRS. TOM McTIZIC

"THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF"
Mark 12: 31

With this scripture at heart, Supt. Tom McTizic and wife District Missionary McTizic have

created the Zion Temple Superannuate Fund of the Bolivar District, Supt. Tom McTizic president and founder.

The following is the testimony of Supt. McTizic: Give to the poor and you lend to the Lord and they shall be blessed." The Lord blessed me and my wife with twelve children. All are living thanks be to God. I preached six years without an offering and built a church and was worshipping in it before I was given an offering. I was a sharecropper without a change of clothes. With the help of the Lord I have builded three churches a two hundred thousand dollar, low rent housing project from the Federal government, own two farms, administrator of Mission Convalescent Home in Jackson, Tenn. with thirty beds for the aged and sick, Supt. of the Bolivar District and treasurer of the No. 2 jurisdiction of Tenn.

Thanks be to God for Zion Temple a loving church which has come from the pit to the throne. God may not come when you want Him, but He is always on time.

Love Everybody. Read these Scriptures- 2nd Cor. 9:9, 1 Peter 5:3, Prov. 11:24, Ezek. 34: 3, 4, Jer. 23: 1-2.

More to follow concerning Superannuate Fund in next issue.

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Great and wonderful things are happening in the International Youth Congress this year. Along with the Joy of having the Fabulous Convention in the Nation's most exciting city...New York City, we have a wealth of Musical events, great speakers, a variety of Contests and other interesting attractions, convening July 5th-10th, 1972.

To this great program there will be the Introduction of the International Drama Guild. We are expecting great things of this department, as we are happy to announce the official appointment of Madame Senora Von Lewis, formerly of Detroit, Michigan to the office of Director of the International Drama Guild of the Church of God in Christ Youth Congress. We are happy to have her serve in this capacity.

We congratulate her for the fine and Professional activities she has initiated in the church, down through the years. This is why we know that she can accomplish what is needed. We will be praying for her as she goes forth in this task.

One could not ask for a more qualified individual, and we have the utmost confidence in her ability to perform this task. This confidence was founded as the results of the efforts of Madame Von Lewis, and players who were able to discover "Talents they never knew they had", in former Outstanding Performances.

It is for this cause that Madame Von Lewis prays and dreams of a Drama Workshop in the International Youth Congress which will have Cross-Country Representation: Also, from which will spread throughout the length and breadth of our Grand Old Church, leaders and talented players greatly promoting the GOSPEL of CHRIST through POWER and DEMONSTRATION.

We ask that the State Presidents, Bishops and Pastors Help us by encouraging their "Congress Going Members" who are able to make this Great Dream come to pass, by God's Help, to do so.

REMEMBER: Participation is open to directors, players, play-writers, and others who can contribute to the successful promotion of this wonderful endeavor in Religious Drama. Initially Dubbed by Madame Von Lewis as, "STATE-FRIGHT THERAPY."

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"EVEN SO, COME LORD
JESUS".

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Power with God is the ability of man to move God into activity among men. This power may be obtained through obedience, faithfulness, sacrifice, devotion and perseverance. Because of these attributions after the death of the late Superintendent Williams of District No. 3, our great Bishop J. S. Bailey appointed Elder W. L. Harris as Superintendent of the District.

Our fellowship and district meetings are growing and the spirit of the Lord Jesus is in our midst. Truly the Lord is with Superintendent Harris, he is playful and full of humility. Elder Harris is also the Chairman of the Elder's Council of South West, Michigan. He is truly loyal to our State Mother Belvin who is a kind and sweet Mother in the Lord.

On Saturday, April 8, 1972, Superintendent Harris and his darling wife, who is his greatest supporter, held their second Official Dinner. It was a tasty dinner of Cornish Hens with all the trimmings. The dinner proceeded Superintendent Harris 2nd District meeting, convening May 15, thru the 20th.

The saints was honored, with the presence of our District Missionary Bessie Leonard, who have served the women of the district for more than 20 years. Both, 1st. Ass't Presiding Bishop J. S. Bailey and Dr. A. L. Bailey, International Supervisor of Women (Church of God in Christ), were present and gave wholesome words on Fellowship.

Listed below are the following Pastors with their congregation that are giving beautiful cooperation in the district.

Pittman Memorial, 3139 St. Aubin St., Elder C. P. Little

Mitchell Street Church, 3640, Mitchell St., Elder W. Sheard.

William Street Church, 3595 Jefferies Freeway, Elder S. Simon.

Lockett Temple, 10624 Jefferson Ave. E. Elder W. Joshua.

St. Paul Church, 1111 Sheridan, Elder W. L. Harris.

Philadelphia Church, 8339 Gratiot Ave., Elder T. R. Franks.

New Testament Church, 4420 St. Aubin St., Elder W. Edwards.

Saints Temple, 10814 Mack Ave.; Elder C. Williams.

Our chief aim is not to get entangled again with the yoke of bondage, but to fight the good fight of faith and to lay hold on eternal life. With this in our hearts the Lord is going to continue to bless and save souls, which IS our CHIEF AIM.

Bessie Williams, Public Relation Chairman,

Bishop J. S. Bailey, 1st National Assistant and State Bishop.